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SUMMONS TO YOUTH

Exultant youths who would bewail or vaunt
  The odds of love, no longer waste your breath:
A greater feat now summons you than love
  Or life itself—it's war, and war is death!

Rudolph Altrocci

MOSES

Behold the hoary patriarch on Grand Street! Not a whim
Nor idle pleasantry of mine—it's Moses—look at him!
From Sinai's mount he brought the Law in ages long ago,
And now he traffics candles here to keep the world aglow

OLD CHINA

Hop Wah, the genial Chinaman, with steaming iron sings.
His heart is light because his little laundry shop takes wings,
And sailing o'er the silver skies, like birds in summer-time,
Through dreaming lanterned dells he strays as Bowery bel-
  fries chime.

Morris Abel Beer